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1. JOHN RAE PLANS TO REQUEST MEETING OF WATCH COMMITTEE/ ON 9 OCTOBER (THIS IS GOVERNMENTAL BODY CHAIRED BY FOREIGN OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE WHICH SETS MONITORING SERVICE BUDGET AND ADVISES ON PLANS). RAE FEELS IT WILL BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO HOLD MEETING JUST PRIOR TO HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON. HE WILL USE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRAST EXISTING MS PROGRAMS AND RESOURCE LIMITATION WITH FBIS ESTABLISHING NEW BUREAUS AND PLANS FOR EXPANSION. IN THIS CONNECTION HE WILL MENTION ABIDJAN, GULF, THE COLOGNE UNIT. HE INTENDS TO RAISE QUESTION OF PROGRESS IN OBTAINING MOSCOW TV VOICE AND APPROACH TO INDIAN MONITORING SERVICE.

2. HE WOULD APPRECIATE BRIEF UPDATE ON OTHER FBIS PLANS, ABOUT WHICH I CAN ONLY MORE OR LESS PUT HIM IN PICTURE, I.E., BRUSSELS, ATHENS BUREAU, SWAZILAND, OTHER NEW BUREAUS, EAST EUROPEAN TV, AND NEW TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS LIKE THE REMOTE LINK TO SANTIAGO. IN PARTICULAR, HE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO OUTLINE IN GENERAL TERMS ADDITIONAL MONITORING REQUIREMENTS WITH WHICH FBIS MIGHT TASK BBC IN NEXT YEAR OR TWO AND FOR WHICH RESOURCES WILL BE NEEDED.

3. BY THE WAY, IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE BRUSSELS TV PROJECT MAY BE ABOUT TO LURCH FORWARD AT LAST. BELGIAN POST OFFICE IS STILL NOT HAPPY WITH PROJECT, BUT BELGIAN RADIODIFUSION HAS DECIDED TO GIVE IT A TRY AND WORRY ABOUT THE POST OFFICE LATER. RAE'S ENGINEERS ARE ALL ON SICK LEAVE, BUT HE'S READY TO SEND ONE OFF TO BRUSSELS AS SOON AS A MAN IS AVAILABLE.

4. RVW 24 SEP 85.
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